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OCTOBER 24 MEETING OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS PRESIDED OVER BY DE

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"COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MARKED FRANCE'S UNDERSTANDING WITH RESPECT TO CONCERN AROUSED IN WASHINGTON BY RECENT AND INCREASING INSTALLATION OF SCYIET OFFENSIVE ARMS IN CUBA. IT TOOK NOTE OF COMMUNICATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED TO IT BY AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WITH REGARD TO SECURITY MEASURES ORDERED BY THAT GOVERNMENT IN CARIBBEAN SEA."

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"WHILE CONSIDERING EVENTS RELATIVE TO CUBA AS DISTINCT FROM PRESENT SITUATION IN OTHER REGIONS OF WORLD, COUNCIL EXAMINED CONSEQUENCES FOR SECURITY OF EUROPE WHICH MIGHT EVENTUALLY RESULT THEREFROM."

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> "IN THIS REGARD, RECIPROCAL ENGAGEMENTS WHICH CONSTITUTE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE ARE AND REMAIN BASIS OF FRANCE'S POLICY."

IN COMMENTING TO PRESS ON COMMUNIQUE INFORMATION
MINISTER FOUCHET SAID FRANCE, AS OTHER EUROPEAN ALLIES, HAD NOT
BEEN CONSULTED ON CUBAN AFFAIR AS IT WAS AMERICAN MATTER
OUTSIDE EUROPEAN ALLIANCE. IF AS RESULT DEVELOPMENT OF CRISIS
OR OF "INTERVENTIONS WHICH COULD OCCUR", MATTER HAD EUROPEAN
REPERCUSSIONS, FRANCE WOULD THEN APPLY PROVISIONS OF ATLANTIC
ALLIANCE AND ACT IN SOLIDARITY WITH HER EUROPEAN ALLIES.

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